Sanitized Copy Approved for Release 2010/11/22 : CIA-RDP81T00034R000100240001-0 DATE CONTROL NO. N/A **SECRET** 21 NOVEMBER 1980 25X1 SUBJECT **IEG PI NOTICE** GROUND FORCES AREA: DISTRIBUTION: 43.80 ALL PI'S No. TITLE/SIGNIFICANCE: IDENTIFICATION OF THE RIGID POINTED PONTON IN THE USSR COMMENT: The RIGID POINTED PONTON has been observed in the U.S.S.R. since the late 1960s and has been deployed to at least five installations across the Soviet Union. pontons area in sets of two which attach to each side of a medium tank. Each ponton is powered by a hydro jet engine and are employed when standard bridging techniques are not possible or for limited sea journeys. The RIGID POINTED PONTON has been observed with independent amphibious tank regiments. 25X1

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